

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-20 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 1, 6, 8, 13 and 15 without introducing any new matter; and cancels Claims 2-3, 9, 10, and 16-17 without prejudice or disclaimer

The outstanding Office Action objected to the drawings because of informalities. Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (APA). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over APA in view of Raphaeli et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0103521, herein "Raphaeli"). Claims 8, 14-15 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over APA in view of Nguyen (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,748). Claims 9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the APA in view of Nguyen and in further view of Raphaeli. Claims 3-6, 10-13 and 17-19 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 are amended to recite all the features of dependent Claims 2-3, Claims 9-10 and Claims 16-17, respectively, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Consequently, Claims 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17 are cancelled and Claims 6 and 13 are amended to change the claim dependency.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a Letter Submitting Drawing Sheets along with 3 Replacement Sheets for Figures 5-7 adding the label "background art," so as to comply with the requirements of MPEP §608.02(g).

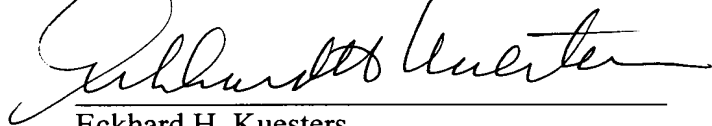
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in

condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-20 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figures 5-7. These sheets, which include Figures 5-7, replace the original sheets including Figures 5-7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (3)